

# **UNITED STATES MONDIORING ASSOCIATION TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA FOR INTERNATIONAL MONDIORING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **FMBB and FCI World Championships**

### **ELIGIBILITY: ELIGIBILITY FOR THE FMBB TEAM SHALL BE THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AS FOR THE FCI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

1. USMRA International FCI Team members must be members in good standing in USMRA.
2. FMBB: To be eligible for the FMBB the Team Member must be a member in good standing of USMRA and AWMA. The membership form for AWMA can be found at [www.workingmalinois.org](http://www.workingmalinois.org).
3. Team members must have had no documented and/or verifiable record of poor sportsmanship, misconduct or animal abuse within the current eligibility period. International Team members should reflect the highest level of good sportsmanship, ethics and conduct in our sport and organization.
4. Team member must be a resident of the United States, having resided here for at least the previous two years.
5. Upon request, the handler must present valid documentation of residency of the dog in the United States for the previous 12 months. Valid documents would include, but not exclude, veterinarian records, AKC records, and bill of sale or import documents.
6. The dog must be registered with the AKC, and meet all FCI documentation and identification requirements. Male dogs must have 2 normal testicles in the scrotum. Exception for neutered males: If the owner has a veterinarian's certification documenting that two testicles were removed during neutering for health related purposes, the dog is qualified to participate in the championships.

### **DECLARING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM POSITION**

1. Complete the declaration forms found on the USMRA website and submit the completed form to the USMRA Secretary for FCI World Championship or FMBB Championship team positions.
2. Complete the entry form by the following dates:
  - a. All teams wishing to be considered for the FCI World Championship team must apply by July 15. All applicants will be considered based on the World Team Criteria including the Step-Down Criteria. A waiting list of applicants will be established to fill any vacant spots that become available. If a full team can't be filled from the applicants and the waiting list, a partial team will participate in the Championships.
  - b. FMBB Championship Deadline: All teams wishing to be considered for the FMBB Mondioring Championship team must apply by January 15. Entry will be submitted to USMRA (International Committee) for review. Once approved by the BOD, the FMBB Team will be presented to the AWMA for their acceptance.

3. Submit the form, the dog's AKC registration certificate and AKC pedigree, and a copy of the scorebook including the front data page/s and relevant score/s page/s, microchip, rabies vaccine documentation (with microchip number noted), and a photo of the handler and dog to the International Committee Chair.

## **TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES**

1. International Championships: The number of USMRA dog handler teams allowed will be in accordance with the international championship rules.
2. USMRA National Champion: The winning MR3 team at the United States Mondioring National Championship will automatically be selected as one of the entries for that year's FCI Mondioring World Championship. That team must have a passing score at the USMRA National Championship in order to be eligible for automatic entry.
3. MR3 teams will have priority. An MR3 team must have at least one score of 320 or higher. Team selection will be by the highest average of three scores, all at the level that you are applying to compete: the two highest passing scores from USMRA Club trials and the USMRA National Championship score (Trial Score 1 + Trial Score 2 + National Championship Score divided by 3). Competing in the USMRA National Championship or the FMBB is mandatory. The two Club trial scores submitted must be under different judges, on different field locations, with a distance separating the fields by not less than 25 miles, organized by different clubs and different decoys, meaning the same decoy cannot be used for the two Club trial scores submitted. At the Board of Directors (BOD) and International Championship Committee's discretion, one score from another country may be allowed to substitute for a Club trial score. MR2 and MR1 teams will follow with the same criteria as the MR3 teams for the Level 2 and Level 1 team positions, although the winner of those levels will not receive an automatic entry to the FCI Championship.
4. In the event of a tie (of the average score), the higher score at the National Championship will be the tie breaker. If the National Championship total score is also a tie, the higher total score of the protection exercises at the National Championship will be the tie breaker.
5. The International Championship Committee will have the right to recommend additional teams in cases where the US team cannot be filled using the following step-down criteria for team selection:
  - a. Members that attended Nationals/FMBB that have two club passing or non-passing scores, meeting the criteria of different fields, different Judges, different decoys, and 25 mile distance between club trial fields. Average of the three scores will be ranked with others meeting this criterion and then will be ranked in that order below the others meeting the posted World Team Criteria.
  - b. Members that attended Nationals/FMBB and have only 1 club score, meeting the requirement of different fields, different Judges, different decoys. Average of two scores will be ranked with others meeting this criterion and then ranked in that order below the others meeting the posted World Team Criteria.
6. Members that did not attend Nationals/FMBB that have 3 club passing scores, meeting the requirement of different fields, different Judges, different decoys, and 25 mile distance between club trial fields. Average of the three scores will be ranked with others

meeting this criterion and then ranked in that order below the others meeting the posted World Team Criteria.

7. Members that did not attend Nationals/FMBB and have 2 club scores meeting the requirements of different fields, different Judges, different decoys and 25 mile distance between club trial fields. Average of the two scores will be ranked with others meeting this criterion then ranked in that order below the others meeting the posted World Team Criteria.
8. A member not meeting any of the World Team Criteria or Step-Down Criteria will not be considered.
9. Any member declining or forfeiting their position on the World Team will be placed at the end of the waiting list.
10. The team must be willing and able to incur the expense of traveling to and from the competition. The USMRA will attempt to garner member support and gain financial sponsorship from interested corporations, but this should not be construed as a guarantee for financial relief.
11. To be considered for any international event, an applicant must submit all relevant documents to the International Committee Chair.
  - \* The deadline for declaring for the FCI Mondioring Championships will be July 15.
  - \* The deadline for declaring for the FMBB Mondioring Championships will be January 15.
12. Submission of the team declaration form constitutes a commitment to participation on the international team, which includes following instructions from team leader and Championship officials, appearing on field, and for ALL ceremonies promptly, and in complete team uniform. IF the contestant withdraws after USMRA has made financial outlay, contestant may be responsible for losses incurred.
13. Trials that count towards International FCI World Championship Team eligibility are any trials that occur up to 2 1/2 months prior to that year's championship date.
14. Trials that count toward the FMBB Mondioring Championships are any trials that occur up to January 1.
15. The USMRA Board of Directors will approve any and all candidates recommended by the International Committee that are representing the US in international competition.
16. FMBB: The FMBB team will follow the rules and procedures of AWMA once they have been selected and accepted by AWMA to represent them at the championship. The USMRA National Championship is not a requirement to attend the FMBB.

## **TEAM LEADER SELECTION AND GUIDELINES**

Team Leader: Preference will be given to an individual who has been a member of an international team. The Team Leader should have good team building skills, international travel experience and an ability to communicate well with the event organizers.

### **Team Leader Selection**

1. Submit a cover letter stating desire to be the team leader and a resume by the deadlines indicated in Declaring for a Team Position. The resume should include a short history of trialing experience, previous team leader experience, communication skills, foreign travel and general leadership and judgment.

2. The Team Leader will be selected on the basis of experience and ability. Preference will be given to an individual who has been a member of an international team. The Team Leader should have good team building skills, international travel experience and an ability to communicate well with the event organizers.
3. The Team Leader must have had no documented and verifiable record of poor sportsmanship, misconduct or animal abuse within the current eligibility period. International Team members should reflect the highest level of good sportsmanship, ethics and conduct in our sport and organization.

**FMBB TEAM LEADER:** The team leader for the FMBB Team will be under the auspices and guidelines of the AWMA. See their website for the details. There will be a designated team leader for each discipline that the FMBB sends to the FMBB Championships. Each team leader will collaborate with the other team leaders to complete requirements for their specific discipline.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

1. If the money is available, USMRA will pay for the entry and uniform. USMRA may give the competitor a small stipend to defray costs. Those who do not meet full entry team requirements will be required to pay for their own entry fee.
2. Competitors agree to pay for all other costs relating to their travel, meals and lodging for themselves and their dogs.

### **COMMITTEE/CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Publicize team member and team leader eligibility deadlines and website link to criteria.
2. Contact members about their selection.
3. Make sure that every detail of eligibility, entry and team logistics has been addressed and completed. Be current on international travel requirements with dogs and the current championship policies.
4. Complete and submit entry forms to the appropriate championships, eg, FCI Mondioring World Championships and FMBB as needed. Work with the USMRA Treasurer to ensure that (if applicable) uniform costs and entry fees are paid.
5. An official post and/or email will be sent out to all USMRA members by the International Championships Committee Chair no later than three (3) months prior to the championship, reminding all teams interested in submitting their request. Requests for the Team Leader position will be sent out at the same time.
6. The International Championships Committee Chair will coordinate with other organizations as needed to facilitate teams at the international events.

### **FMBB: USMRA AND AWMA SELECTION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

1. USMRA International Championship Committee will select and verify the FMBB Team from the applications submitted by the deadline. The selected team documents will be submitted to the USMRA Secretary for presentation to BOD.
2. USMRA BOD will approve the final team and team leader for each International Event. USMRA will notify the AWMA of the FMBB team selections.

3. After AWMA approves the selected Team, The Secretary of USMRA will announce the team members to the USMRA membership. The International Committee Chair will contact each candidate regarding the decision as soon as official selection is known.
4. The Secretary will make the announcement to the members via the list and website.
5. All documents and entry fees will be sent to the AWMA by the Secretary of USMRA by the posted AWMA deadline.

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